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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
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HARJIT GILL,

V.

Plaintiff,

AMERICAN MORTGAGE EDUCATORS, INC., a Washington Corporation, LISA JANE ROSENBERGER, PERFECTO BOBADILLA, and ROBERT ROSENBERGER

Defendants.

COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, TRADEMARK INFRINGMENT, FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN, UNFAIR COMPETION, AND UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES.

TRIAL BY JURY REQUESTED

Plaintiff, Mr. Harjit Gill, through his undersigned counsel, hereby states and alleges the following:

I. Parties

1. The Plaintiff, Mr. Harjit Gill ("Mr. Gill"), is a world authority on accelerated mortgage reduction strategies. He is the founder of the Speed Equity®¹ System and

¹ U.S. Registration No. 3,150,819.

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1	4.	Plaintiff, Mr. Gill, is a resident of this District. The damage to Mr. Gill described
2		herein took place and continues to occur in the Western District of Washington.
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4		III. Facts
5	1.	Mr. Gill is a world authority on accelerated mortgage reduction strategies, the founder
6		of the Speed Equity® System and Speed Equity® Software Program, as well as the
7		international best selling author of "How to Own Your Home Years Sooner."
	2.	Mr. Gill's Speed Equity® System is used by over half a million homeowners in
8		8 different countries and endorsed by a subsidiary of HSBC - the third largest bank in
9		the world (Forbes Magazine).
10	3.	Mr. Gill created the Speed Equity® System in 1995 in Australia and modified it in
11		2002 for use by North American homeowners.
12	4.	The first edition of Mr. Gill's book "How to Own Your Home Years Sooner" was
13		published in 1995 in Australia and version 1 of his Australian software program was
14		launched shortly thereafter.
	5.	Mr. Gill's book and mortgage reduction system received national media coverage and
15		become a national success.
16	6.	In February 2002, Mr. Gill met Lisa Rosenberger and Robert Rosenberger.
17	7.	In July 2002, Mr. Gill registered and began using: www.MorgageFreeUSA.com
18		(the "Website") (See Exhibit A.)
19	8.	In May 2003, Mr. Gill formed Mortgage Eliminators, LLC, a Washington Limited
20		Liability Company. The company was supported by Mr. Gill's speaking
		engagements, seminars, workshops, subscriptions to his Mortgage Elimination
21		Software Program, and sales from his book "How to Own Your Home Years
22		Sooner,"
23	9.	In June 2003, Mr. Gill redeveloped his successful software and rebranded it under the
24		name "Speed Equity." The software went live on the Website in August 2003.
25	10.	In November 2003, the first U.S. Edition of Mr. Gill's book was published.
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public. The URL of the pirated website is www.americanmortgageeducatorsinc.com (the "Infringing Website.")

COUNT 1: COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

- 1. Plaintiff incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.
- 2. Plaintiff is, and at all relevant times has been, the copyright owner of exclusive rights under United States copyright with respect to the certain copyrighted book "How to Own Your Home Years Sooner," which is the subject of a valid Certificate of Copyright Registration issued by the Register of Copyrights (the "Copyrighted Book").
- 3. Plaintiff is, and at all relevant times has been, the copyright owner of exclusive rights with respect to the certain copyrighted software "Speed Equity® Software Program.

 (the "Copyrighted Software".)
- 4. Among the exclusive rights granted to the Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are the exclusive rights to reproduce the Copyrighted Book and Software (the "Copyrights"), to claim ownership of the Copyrights, to prepare derivative works based on the Copyrights, and to distribute the Copyrights to the public.
- 5. Defendant, without permission and with willful disregard of Plaintiff's explicit instructions not to use his Copyrights, continues to sell, distribute, and license Mr. Gills Copyrights. In doing so, Defendants have violated Plaintiff's exclusive rights of reproduction and distribution. Defendants' actions constitute infringement of Plaintiff's Copyrights and exclusive rights.

- 6. Defendants have recreated a website, in willful disregard of Mr. Gills rights, where without permission the Defendants continue to use an online media distribution system to permit U.S. Customers to access and use the Copyrights.
- 7. The foregoing acts of infringement have been willful and intentional, in disregard of and with indifference to the rights of Plaintiff.
- 8. As a result of Defendants' infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright, Plaintiff is entitled to statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C.
 § 504(c) for Defendants' infringement of the copyrighted products. Plaintiff further is entitled to its attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

COUNT 2: FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN

- 1. Plaintiff incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.
- 2. Defendants has engaged in false designation of origin by using the registered trademark SPEED EQUTIY, Mr. Gills name and Mr. Gill's "Consumer Advocate: Harj Gill. Seal of Approval." design mark (the "Marks") even though Mr. Gill owns the exclusive rights to use the Marks in association with his Website and Copyrights described above. Defendants' use of Mr. Gill's Marks is without license, permission or authorization and is likely to and has caused confusion or mistake as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of Defendants' goods or commercial activities. Thus, Defendant's actions constitute a violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

- 3. Defendants have derived and will continue to derive and receive from the above-alleged acts of infringement, profits and revenues in an amount that is not presently known to Plaintiff. Further, such acts of infringement were made with knowledge of their capacity to deceive and were thus committed intentionally and willfully. By reason of the above acts of infringement, Plaintiff has been and will continue to be damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 4. The activities of Defendants as alleged in this Complaint have caused and will continue to cause irreparable harm to Plaintiff.

COUNT 3: UNFAIR COMPETITION UNDER LANHAM ACT § 43

- 1. Plaintiff incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.
- 2. Defendants' use of the Marks to promote, market, or sell their product in direct competition with Mr. Gill constitutes Unfair Competition pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a). Defendants' use of the Marks is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and deception among consumers. Defendants' unfair competition has caused and will continue to cause damage to Mr. Gill, and is causing irreparable harm to Mr. Gill for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT 4: UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICE UNDER RCW § 19.86.010 et seq.

- 1. Plaintiff incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.
- 2. Defendants' use of the Copyrights and Marks to promote, market, or sell a product in direct competition with Mr. Gill and to deceive the public as to the Mr. Gill's affiliation constitutes an Unfair Business Practice pursuant to RCW § 19.86.010 et seq. Defendants' use of the Copyrights and Marks is an unfair or deceptive practice occurring in trade or commerce that impacts the public interest and has caused injury to Mr. Gill. Defendants' unfair business practice has caused and will continue to cause damage to Mr. Gill, and is causing irreparable harm to Mother for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT 5: COMMON LAW UNFAIR COMPETITION

- Plaintiff incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.
- Defendants' conduct constitutes unfair competition in that it offends established public policy and is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous and injurious to consumers.
- 3. The acts of unfair competition alleged herein were committed with oppression, fraud, and malice. Specifically, Defendants continue to market, sell and derive revenue from Mr. Gills Copyrights and Marks and continue to deceive the public into believing they continue to be associated with him and the system he has built over the last 15 years.

IV. JURY DEMAND

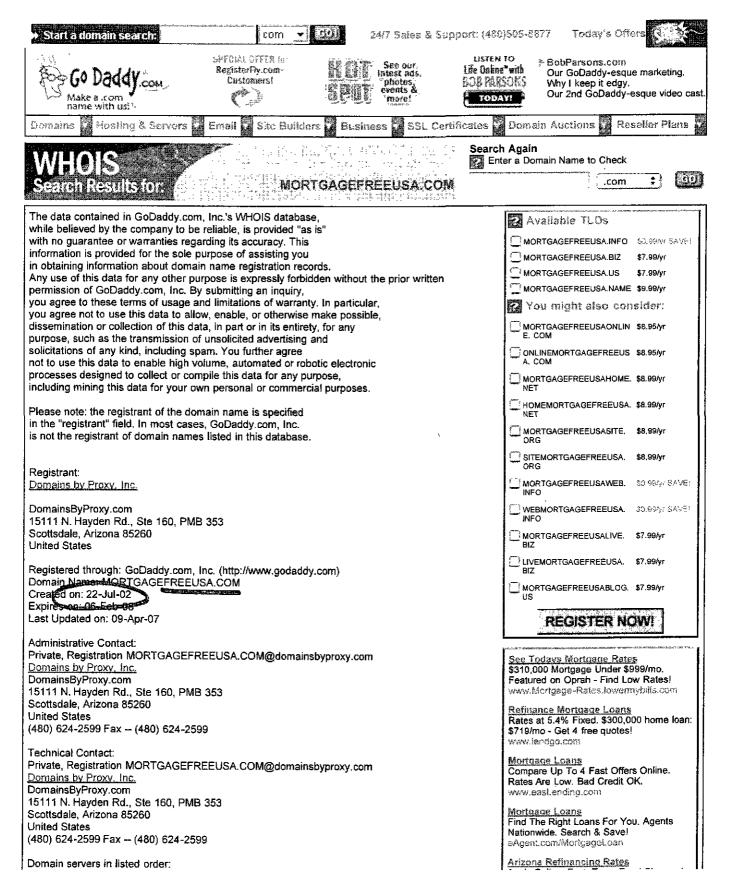
Mr. Gill requests a jury trial on all issues triable by jury.

1 V. Request for Relief 2 Mr. Gill requests for the following alternative and cumulative relief: 3 1. An order enjoining Defendants, including all officers, agents, affiliates, employees and 4 representatives of the Defendants, and all persons in active concert or participation 5 with any of them, from engaging in or performing any of the following: 6 Using, selling, licensing, displaying, or providing access to the Copyrights or 7 Marks, or any other products, services or source identifiers that are substantially 8 similar to the Copyrights or confusingly similar to the Marks, in connection with 9 the advertising, marketing, sale or provision of any products or services. 10 b. Performing any act that is likely to cause confusion, to cause mistake or to deceive, 11 or otherwise mislead the trade or public into believing that Mr. Gill is associated 12 with Defendants or that Defendants have any rights in the Copyrights or Marks. 13 2. An order that Defendants deliver up all products all copies of Mr. Gill's Copyrights 14 (in whatever medium of expression), any derivative or colorable imitation, together 15 with all means for making or reproducing the same. 16 3. An order requiring Defendant to send a written notice to all recipients of its mailings, 17 and to all persons who have viewed Defendants Infringing Website, setting forth 18 Mr. Gill's exclusive ownership of and rights to his Copyrights and Marks and 19 disavowing any relationship between Mr. Gill and Defendants. 20 4. An order requiring Defendants to file with this Court and serve on Mr. Gill, within 21 30 days of service of this order, a report in writing under oath setting forth in detail the 22 manner and form in which Defendants has complied with the terms of the ordered 23 relief. 24 5. Damages in an amount sufficient to compensate Mr. GIll for all injury sustained as a 25 result of Defendants' wrongful activities, and to account for and pay over to Mr. Gill 26 all gains, profits, and advances derived from the use, promotion or sale by Defendants

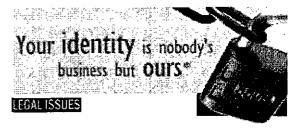
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2	whether through the use of his Copyrights or Marks.					
3	6. The immediate removal of the Infringing Website.					
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5	including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.					
6	8. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.					
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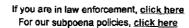
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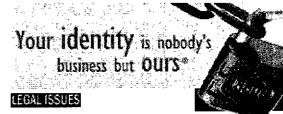






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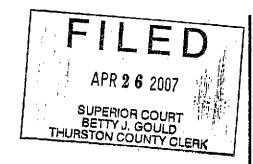


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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF THURSTON FAMILY & JUVENILE COURT

in re the Marriage of:

LISA JANE ROSENBERGER

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HARJIT SINGH GILL

Petitioner,

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Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW RE: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY and TEMPORARY ORDER

BASIS

THIS MATTER regarding having come regularly before the court upon Petitioner's Motion for Temporary Orders, and upon the declarations and exhibits filed by the parties, and argument of counsel for both parties;

FINDINGS

THIS COURT HEREBY FINDS:

- 1. Respondent is not an "employee" of the parties' business, American Mortgage Educators;
- 2. A 1099 was provided to the court showing Respondent as an "independent contractor" of the business;

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Subject: CEASE & DESIST - IMMEDIATELY

To the Officers, Owners & Representatives of American Mortgage Educators, Inc:

Chairman of the Board Mr. Robert Rosenberger President & CEO Dr. Lisa Rosenberger Chief Operations Officer Mr. Perfecto Bobadilla

This a FIRST & FINAL NOTICE.

This is to inform you that as Of March 02, 2007 I, Harj Gill, withdrew my endorsement of and affiliation with American Mortgage Educators, Inc. its Owners, officers, employees and representatives.

Please be advised that the FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONLUSIONS OF LAW RE: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY and TEMPORARY ORDER that was passed down by the SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON - COUNTY OF THURSTON FAMILY & JUVENILE COURT ON April 26, 2007 states:

FINDINGS:

- There is NO WRITTEN AGREEMENT or CONTRACT from me to your corporation to show that I signed over my copyright and Intellectual Property Rights to your corporation to sell;
- The books being sold by your corporation were written by me BEFORE the parties were married;
- The book and the on-line software being sold by your corporation is MY intellectual property;

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. There is a Prima Facie showing that the Intellectual Property of the books and online software is MY separate property.
- The Intellectual Property SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO ME.

Despite the Family Court's decision that it does not have the jurisdiction to order your corporation to take any action or to turn over any property to me, there is a moral and ethical obligation for you to do so.

My attorney has made repeated attempts over the past two months to reach an amicable and fair settlement with you regarding your Corporation's UNAUTHORIZED representation and commercialization of my Intellectual Property.

My attorney's office contacted Mr. Steven Bean, a local attorney and professional mediator, who stated that he could mediate on Thursday, May 3rd, 2007. You refused this offer of mediation.

My attorney's office then contacted another local attorney/mediator, Mr. Steve Henderson, who stated that he could mediate on Monday, April 30th, 2007. You also refused this offer of mediation.

Meanwhile your corporation continues to represent and commercialize my Intellectual Property in the conduct of your company's marketing and business efforts.

- I HEREBY DEMAND that you:
- IMMEDIATELY CEASE & DESIST from representing me as the Consumer Advocate and from using my Seal of Approval.
- IMMEDIATELY CEASE & DESIST from representing and commercializing my Intellectual Property that includes, but is not limited to, the domain name www.MortgageFreeUSA.com, the Speed Equity® System, the Speed Equity® Software Program as well as my publication "How to Own Your Home Years Sooner."
- IMMEDIATELY CEASE & DESIST from making any UNAUTHORIZED derivative or modified works of any of my Intellectual Property without my prior knowledge and written consent.
- IMMEDIATELY CEASE & DESIST from using my name, Harj Gill, and my titles as "International Best Selling Author," and "World's Foremost Mortgage Reduction Expert."
- IMMEDIATELY CEASE & DESIST from using my goodwill by making references that suggest you and your corporation are in any way associated or affiliated with me.
- IMMEDIATELY RETURN ALL my Intellectual Property to me.
- IMMEDIATELY RETURN ALL the tangible assets of my LLC to me.

- COMPENSATE ME for the past and the continued use of my Intellectual Property.

You have 24 hours to comply with my demands by contacting my Attorney to settle this issue or I shall be forced to take action.

I look forward to your cooperation regarding this matter.

Thanking you in advance,

Harj Gill, M.Ed

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